



*Worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 15, 2026 // 10am
Fourth Sunday in Lent // Faithful Leadership

CENTERING WORDS: Leadership is not self-serving but sacrificial,
not rooted in dominance but in courage and care.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Bulletin/Screen)

Tim Staal

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesse Rund-Scott

One: Come into God's presence,
you who imagine and you who seek,
you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

One: Come into God's embrace,
you who seek a good shepherd,
you who long to be known and protected,
you who are far off and you who are near.

All: In Christ, we gather as one flock.

One: Come into God's presence,
singing for joy and for justice;
bringing prayer and worship,
your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, our Good Shepherd,
we confess that we do not always follow
what is good and lifegiving in our work,
relationships, communities, or faith.
We sometimes overlook unhealthy choices or boundaries
and are drawn to what appears impressive.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

One: Forgive us when we choose what glitters over what is good,
when we rely on the familiar instead of seeking Your wisdom,
and when we fail to see how our choices affect others.

**All: Teach us to look for—
and to become—
leaders who reflect compassion, patience, and truth.
When You call us to care for others,
strengthen us to respond with humility,
with hearts attuned to Your voice. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN #727 *The Servant Song* (vs. 1-2)

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION #740 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 10:1–18

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: **Christ knows his own...**

Exhale: **...and Christ knows me.**

SERMON

Boldly Sheepish

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

All: **Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: **Good Shepherd,
You call us; we follow.
You give abundantly; we share.
Bless these gifts,
that Your love may shelter,
Your voice may guide,
and all Your flock may flourish. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Shepherding God,
teach us your voice.
Speak to us, so we will know you.
Let us hear your wisdom.
Let us receive your care.

All: Shepherding God, speak to us.

One: Shepherding God,
be near us.
Tend to us, enfold us in care.
Help us trust your guidance.
Help us follow your call.

All: Shepherding God, tend to us.

One: Shepherding God,
nurture all your beloved.
Give us, and all the world, life abundant.
May your nearness make us brave.
May your faithfulness dispel our fears.

All: Shepherding God, give us life abundant. Amen.

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***HYMN #543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG *The Lord is my Shepherd (Bulletin/Screen)*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford,
Tim Staal

Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
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The Lord Is My Shepherd

Folk Melody

arr. Charlotte Larsen

1

The Lord is my shep-herd; I'll walk with him al - ways.

2

Al - ways, al - ways, I'll walk with him al - ways.

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1

He leads me by still wa - ters; I'll walk with him al - ways.

2

Al - ways, al - ways, I'll walk with him al - ways.

The musical score is written for two voices (1 and 2) in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody for voice 1 is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment for voice 2 is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is my shep-herd; I'll walk with him al - ways. Al - ways, al - ways, I'll walk with him al - ways. He leads me by still wa - ters; I'll walk with him al - ways. Al - ways, al - ways, I'll walk with him al - ways.' The score ends with a double bar line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Book Study Adult Education // Continues today at 11:15am in the Michigan Room as we study the book, *Turning Over Tables*, by Kathy Escobar.

Village Gathering// “The Village” (as in “It takes a village”) is a get together for parents, children and youth. The next gathering is Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. The menu is breakfast! Bring a board game to share. Please contact Alana Cocanour if you can come or if you have questions. (alanacocanour@gmail.com).

Member in Need of a Ride to Church // Bob Morris is looking for a ride on Sunday mornings. He lives near the church. Though he has a bike, the weather has not been very conducive for riding lately! Please look him up in the church directory and give him a call if you can help. Questions? Contact Cathy.

March Fifth Sunday Offering // March is here and once again it brings the blessing of a 5th Sunday. On 5th Sundays we hold a special offering to support one of our outreach partners. This month, we are supporting Good Samaritan’s housing ministry. For over a decade Good Samaritan has served Ottawa County as the designated Housing Assessment and Resource Agency. In support of their philosophy that safe, stable and affordable housing is a basic human right, they provide supportive housing services and rental assistance to households in crisis. Your generous prayers and support are truly appreciated. You can find more information about Good Samaritan in the Outreach kiosk or on the web!

Singing Resistance West Michigan // A Community Gathering, **TODAY** at 3:00 pm, at Grace Church, 555 Michigan Ave. Singing Resistance is a nonviolent, music-based protest movement that uses collective singing to resist authoritarianism, support communities, and advocate for social justice. The Singing Resistance movement began in Minneapolis, Minnesota, following the fatal shootings of U.S. citizens by ICE agents. It mobilizes participants to sing publicly in streets, churches, and community spaces as a form of protest and solidarity, particularly against ICE enforcement actions and systemic violence. The movement emphasizes love, nonviolence, and community care.

Habitat for Humanity // Next Habitat for Humanity workdays are March 16, April 9 and May 14. Reach out to Bill Haines with questions, wehaines@icloud.com

Lenten Labyrinth Experience // March 26 from 6:30–8pm

Join Pastor Paul for a guided prayer labyrinth experience in the fellowship hall. The evening will include learning about the labyrinth, a guided walk, and time for reflection. All are welcome. Can't attend? The labyrinth is always open for personal prayer — consider walking it during Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Service April 2 at 6pm // Join us for a simple meal of soup and bread and a brief intergenerational service that will include an opportunity to wash each other's hands and feet. Sign up on the sign up table to contribute soup, salad, bread, or fruit. Volunteers are also needed to help to help set up and clean up.

Easter Breakfast // Our annual Easter Breakfast (9am) plans are in the works. The menu includes baked French toast, ham, beverages, fresh fruit and baked goods including gluten-free and nut-free.

The breakfast is free (donations are accepted) but we do need volunteers to help make this breakfast enjoyable for all.

Please volunteer on the sign-up table in the lobby. Hope you can join us!

- Saturday, April 4th at 10am to set up
- Sunday, April 5th at 8:00am to set-up and serve
- Clean-up at 11:00 after the service.
- Sign up to bring baked goods (No nuts, no nut oils, no nut extracts or flavors)
- Sign up to bring Gluten-free baked goods
- Sign up to bring fresh fruit

Save the Date // As you start making summer plans, consider joining us at Mystery Creek Campground for our paddle weekend, July 10-12. Come and camp or come for just the day - paddle or just hang out with us. It's a wonderful way to spend time outdoors growing friendships and having fun! Watch for more details.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Service Times

March 29 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - Maundy Thursday service at 6pm.
This is a family friendly event that will take place in the Fellowship Hall. This service will include a simple meal of soup and bread. Please watch for a sign up sheet.

April 3 - Ecumenical Good Friday
Service at 12 noon at Maple Avenue Ministries, 427 Maple Ave.

April 5 - Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Communion
service in the FPC Memorial Garden

9-10am Easter breakfast

9:30am Easter egg hunt

10am Worship with Communion

ADVOCACY FOR ALL

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Walter Brueggemann sees lament as essential to faith and justice. He argues lament is the language of people who refuse to accept the world as it is and dare to voice their pain, grief, and protest before God. Lament interrupts denial and makes space for truth-telling about suffering and injustice. By lamenting, communities resist silence and passivity, opening themselves to God's new possibilities.

Advocacy is the holy work of imagination. Once we lament, we must take loving action to help make things right. Advocating for ourselves and others is central to our faith because God imagines a world of wholeness, healing, and equity for all people. Scripture calls us not only to love God but also to love our neighbor in tangible, restorative ways. When we seek justice, we participate in God's work of making all things new.



LAMENT: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

God of liberation and mercy, we cry out for those harmed by a system that punishes instead of heals. We mourn lives stolen by mass incarceration, families torn apart by long sentences, and communities targeted and surveilled. We grieve the violence of racism woven through courts, policing, and prisons. We lament the myth that punishment brings peace, and power used to dehumanize rather than restore. The pain is heavy. The injustice runs deep. How long, O God? How long until justice is restorative, until dignity is not denied? Lord, have mercy.

*Silence: Take a moment to reflect and lament
as you prepare your heart for action.*

ACT: KNOWING YOUR NEIGHBOR'S REALITY

How much do you know about the criminal justice system where you live?
Could you name a local judge or locate the nearest prison?

In Matthew 25, Jesus said, "I was in prison and you came to visit me." Yet many of us know very little about what incarceration actually looks like in our own communities—the conditions, the processes, or the people affected.

This week, spend time learning. Research incarceration statistics in your area. Find out about prison conditions—housing, food, climate control, and access to healthcare. Learn who your district judges are and how the local court system works. Consider attending a public court session or inviting someone from the justice system to speak to your congregation. Knowledge is the first step toward advocacy and compassion.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



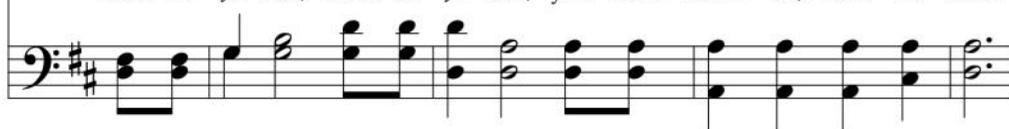
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)

Refrain (A7) (Em)

B \flat 7 Fm

3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)

B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

3 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)

B \flat 7 C7 Fm E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat *Fine*

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)

E \flat C7 Fm B \flat 7 Fm

3

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)

B \flat E \flat E \flat E \flat 7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)

Fm E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat *to Refrain*

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Lead Me, Guide Me'. It is written for guitar with a capo on the first fret. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The score consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is the 'Refrain' and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The second and third staves continue the melody with more triplets. The fourth staff ends with a 'Fine' marking. The fifth and sixth staves continue the main melody. The seventh staff concludes with a 'to Refrain' marking. Chord symbols are placed above the notes, and lyrics are written below the staff lines. The piece is in a major mode with a key signature of two flats.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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